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                   FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA
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      STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel,
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      capacity as ATTORNEY GENERAL
      OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA,
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      et al.
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               Plaintiffs,
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      V.
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      TYSON FOODS, INC., et al.,
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      BEFORE THE HONORABLE GREGORY K. FRIZZELL, Judge
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1 THE WITNESS: My name is Timothy Joseph Sullivan.

THE COURT: Mr. George, you may inquire.

MR. GEORGE: Thank you, your Honor. I've handed Mr.

4 Overton, I believe he's passed up the demonstrative exhibits we

5 intend to use with this witness. I've provided copies of those

to opposing counsel as well.

DIRECT EXAMINATION

8 BY MR. GEORGE:

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- 9 Q. Dr. Sullivan, could you briefly describe for the Court
- 10 your educational background?
- 11 A. I have a bachelor's degree in history from Stonehill
- 12 | College in Massachusetts, master's in biological sciences from
- Western State College of Colorado, a PhD in biological sciences
- 14 from Oregon State University in an interdisciplinary program
- that involved three majors of focus, environmental chemistry,
- 16 ecology and zoology. I conducted two years of post-doctoral
- 17 research in Oslo, Norway on aluminum biogeochemistry.
- 18 Q. What has been your recent research focus, sir.
- 19 A. My focus is on the effects of human activities on the
- 20 environment, with a particular focus on water quality. I'm
- 21 also involved in research and assessment activities,
- 22 environmental assessment and ecosystem restoration work.
- Q. Have you had occasion to publish in peer reviewed journals
- 24 | the results of your work?
- 25 A. Yes. I've published approximately a hundred peer reviewed

publications. These include books, scientific journal

- 2 articles, book chapters, peer reviewed technical reports.
- Q. Have you had an opportunity to publish anything that you
- 4 believe is particularly pertinent to the areas that you're
- 5 | addressing in this case?
- 6 A. Yes. I think the two most pertinent publications would be
- 7 | a recent publication that focused on collection of edge of
- 8 field samples from pastureland that had been amended with dairy
- 9 cow manure and quantifying the fecal indicator bacteria
- 10 concentrations in those samples. I also conducted a study that
- was a demonstration project on agricultural land working with
- 12 farmers to change management practices and some of the
- 13 structural issues on farms and then collecting water quality to
- 14 determine how much the levels of fecal indicator bacteria
- 15 | improved subsequent to the work on the farms.
- 16 Q. Dr. Sullivan, where are you currently employed and what
- position do you hold?
- 18 A. I've been the president of ENS Environmental Chemistry,
- 19 Inc., for the past 20 years. It's located in Corvallis,
- 20 Oregon.
- Q. What type of clients does ENS Environmental represent?
- 22 A. We represent a lot of governmental and industry clients.
- 23 My research is primarily for federal agencies, including the
- 24 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, National Park Service,
- 25 USDA Forest Service, watershed councils and other stakeholder

- groups, work for various state agencies. 1
- Dr. Sullivan, with respect to your work in this case, what 2
- type of information or data or work product have you reviewed? 3
- Well, I've looked at the database that was collected for 4
- the State in this case, the water quality data primarily. I've 5
- looked at publicly available water quality data. I have read 6
- the written testimony, the affidavits of Dr. Teaf, Dr. Harwood, 7
- Dr. Fisher, Dr. Olsen. I've also listened to the testimonies 8
- of all of those individuals except for Dr. Olsen. I also 9
- 10 listened to the testimony and read the affidavit of Dr.
- 11 Caneday.
- MR. GEORGE: Your Honor, if I could have permission to 12
- lead for just a moment? I want to provide some structure of 13
- 14 what's to come.
- 15 THE COURT: Yes.
- (By Mr. George) Dr. Sullivan, were you asked to evaluate 16 Q.
- the question of whether there is a statewide correlation 17
- between poultry production areas and fecal indicator bacteria? 18
- 19 Yes, I was. Α.
- 20 Were you also asked to evaluate the potential for sources Q.
- 21 other than poultry litter applications to impact fecal
- indicator bacteria levels? 22
- 23 Yes. Α.
- Were you asked to examine water quality data to determine 24
- 25 if the exceedances of water quality standards occur at times

and in places where there are substantial opportunity for

- 2 recreational exposure?
- 3 A. Yes, I was.
- 4 Q. Were you asked to evaluate whether the data collected by
- 5 the State in this litigation is reliable and representative of
- 6 the conditions in the Illinois River Watershed?
- 7 A. Yes.
- Q. Dr. Sullivan, with respect to the first of those, did you
- 9 conduct an analysis of fecal indicator bacteria statewide as
- 10 | compared to the Illinois River Watershed?
- 11 A. Yes, I did.
- 12 Q. And have you prepared some exhibits that might help you
- explain how you went about that analysis and the conclusions
- 14 | that you've drawn from it?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Can we go to Demonstrative Exhibit 4, please?
- THE WITNESS: Your Honor, may I approach the screen
- 18 here?
- THE COURT: Let me ask you, Dr. Sullivan, you're not
- 20 related to ENSR International, are you?
- 21 THE WITNESS: No, sir.
- THE COURT: My sister is a hydrogeologist with them.
- MR. GEORGE: With them, sir. Great firm.
- THE WITNESS: Well, this is a map of the state of
- 25 | Oklahoma showing the Illinois River Watershed over here on the

eastern side, and what we have coded is the stream reaches that 1 are listed as a 303(d) on the 303(d) list for the state of 2 Oklahoma for the year 2004. And the listings are color coded 3 based on whether a stream reach is listed for Enterococcus, or 4 E. Coli, or fecal coliform bacteria. So the yellow lines 5 indicate the listings for Enterococcus. The darker thin lines 6 are for E. Coli and then the whiter pinkish lines are for fecal 7 coliform bacteria. So there are some stream reaches that are 8 listed for two or three of those parameters; other stream 9 reaches that are listed for just one. But what we see is a 10 general pattern of widespread listings throughout the state. 11 There's no indication that the listings in the Illinois River 12 Watershed are really different from what we see statewide. 13 Dr. Sullivan, did you also evaluate the areas in the state 14 of Oklahoma that have more intensive poultry production? 15 Yes, I did. 16 Α. Let me refer you to Demonstrative Exhibit 5. Is this a 17 Ο. 18 map that you prepared, Dr. Sullivan? Yes, it is. Again, it's a map of the state of Oklahoma, 19 and it's color coded by the densities of poultry from the 20 agricultural census information. The darker colors indicate 21 higher densities of poultry. And what this illustrates is that 22 poultry numbers are largest in the eastern part of the state 23 and are much lower in the west. 24

O. Dr. Sullivan, moving away from just the existence of

1 impaired segments, did you consider on a statewide basis the

- 2 levels of fecal coliform indicators?
- 3 A. Yes, I did.
- Q. Let me refer you to Demonstrative Exhibit 6 and ask you to
- 5 explain what this is.
- 6 A. This is data from the EPA database that's called STORET,
- 7 data largely sampled by the State of Oklahoma, various
- 8 agencies, and what this shows is bars at the locations, at all
- 9 | the locations in the state of Oklahoma where we had a minimum
- of five samples with which to calculate a geomean. The dots at
- 11 | the bottom of each bar indicates where that sample was actually
- 12 | collected and then the height of each bar is proportional to
- 13 the concentration of the fecal indicator bacteria. So in this
- 14 case this would be for Enterococcus during the recreational
- period May 1 to September 30. And the other thing that we did
- 16 is to color code them. The very small green bars that are very
- 17 | short, those are the sites where the geomean concentration did
- 18 | not exceed the standards for Enterococcus, which is 33 CFUs per
- 19 | hundred milliliters. The orange bars are all the sites where
- 20 the concentration of the geomean concentration did exceed the
- 21 geomean standard. So what we see is again compared to the
- 22 Illinois River Watershed, we don't see really anything
- 23 different throughout the rest of the state in terms of the
- 24 prevalence of relatively high concentrations above standards
- 25 and, in fact, there are certain areas, especially in the urban

- 1 areas around Oklahoma City where the concentrations are
- 2 | significantly higher. So, again, we don't see any apparent
- 3 | qeographical correlation between the poultry distribution I
- 4 | just showed or between what we've got in terms of data from
- 5 | this database of the Illinois River Watershed compared to the
- 6 rest of the state. The important thing here, I think, is that
- 7 | the concentrations that we see in the IRW are not really any
- 8 different from what we see elsewhere in Oklahoma.
- 9 Q. Dr. Sullivan, did you limit your analysis to Enterococcus
- 10 or did you review other fecal indicator bacteria?
- 11 A. No, I looked at the other two indicator bacteria as well.
- 12 Q. Let me refer you to Demonstrative Exhibit 7 and ask you if
- 13 this is another map that you have prepared based upon the same
- 14 | analysis?
- 15 A. Yes, the same analysis, the same dataset. This will be
- 16 | fecal coliform bacteria rather than Enterococcus. Again, the
- 17 | green bars are those that did not exceed the standard, and we
- 18 | see fortunately much fewer exceedances and, again, there's
- 19 | nothing the least bit unusual about the Illinois River
- 20 Watershed as compared with geographically across the state in
- 21 | terms of the actual concentrations. So these would be -- would
- 22 | be the geomean concentrations of five or more samples at each
- 23 site.
- 24 Q. Dr. Sullivan, did you also review the publicly available
- 25 data on E. Coli concentrations?

- 1 A. Yes, I did.
- Q. Let me refer you to the last exhibit in the series,
- 3 Demonstrative Exhibit 8.
- 4 A. The same presentation. Again, we don't see a particular
- 5 difference in the Illinois River Watershed compared to the rest
- of the state. I would point out that the five orange bars that
- 7 you see clustered around the Illinois River Watershed, actually
- g just one of those is inside the watershed. The other four are
- 9 just outside the watershed boundaries.
- 10 Q. You can retake your seat, Dr. Sullivan. I appreciate you
- 11 explaining that. Dr. Sullivan, based on the information that
- 12 you've reviewed and what you've just discussed with the Court,
- do the locations of fecal indicator bacteria impairment in the
- 14 state correlate well with the areas of poultry production?
- 15 A. I don't see that that's the case, no.
- Q. Based upon the information you've reviewed, are the areas
- with the highest levels of fecal indicator bacteria impairments
- in the state correlated well with areas of poultry production?
- 19 A. No, they're not.
- 20 | Q. Now, Dr. Sullivan, have you evaluated the potential
- 21 sources of fecal indicator bacteria in the watershed besides
- 22 | poultry litter?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. And could you identify for the Court based upon the
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potential sources that you've identified?
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- Well, I think the most significant sources would be people and cattle. We've talked a lot about cattle in this hearing so far, not so much about people. In terms of sources from people, there are many possible routes of fecal indicator bacteria that are derived from human feces to make their way into waterways, and then also derived from human activities other than human feces. Key in that regard would be urban runoff, which has been well-documented in terms of contributing to fecal indicator bacteria in streams. As well as urban runoff, we have septic systems that have been discussed. There's a chronic input of bacteria from wastewater treatment systems, and then there are periodic problems with those, overflows and that sort of thing, sewage breaks. So there are a number of potential sources of fecal indicator bacteria from people that are important. Other sources besides the cattle and the people would be things like wildlife and other
- Q. Okay. Dr. Sullivan, in addition to just thinking about people globally, have you looked in this watershed at the areas in which the human population is concentrated in urban areas?
- A. Yes, I have.

livestock.

- Q. Let me refer you to Demonstrative Exhibit 13.
- THE WITNESS: Your Honor, may I approach? Thank you.
- 25 | Q. (By Mr. George) Dr. Sullivan, can you explain what is

Demonstrative Exhibit 13?

- 2 A. This is a map of land use from USGS data, Natural Land
- 3 Cover Dataset. I think this is really key to understanding
- 4 | what is happening in this watershed, particularly with respect
- 5 to the areas of concentration of people. The areas in the
- 6 | light blue color are the urban portions of the watershed. We
- 7 have a number of smaller urban areas distributed around the
- 8 watershed, but as we all know, the human populations are mostly
- 9 concentrated in the eastern part of the watershed. And this is
- 10 the upstream end of the watershed. And then we have the
- 11 agricultural areas that are in orange, and the green and other
- 12 | are presumably more natural vegetation is in green. The
- 13 triangles here are the locations of the wastewater treatment
- 14 outflows.

- 15 Q. Dr. Sullivan, you've identified the urban areas as being
- in what I would refer to as the headwaters of the watershed; do
- 17 | you agree with that?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. Is that significant scientifically?
- 20 A. It is significant. It's quite unique. The watersheds
- 21 | that I've studied in the past, none of them have been like
- 22 | this. And the reason it's unique is because in the headwater
- 23 | areas we have what I consider to be some of our most important
- 24 | sources of water pollution including fecal indicator bacteria.
- 25 | Typically what you find, at least in the watersheds that I've

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studied, is that in the upper portion of the watershed, you tend to have more natural kinds of vegetation, perhaps forested vegetation, that sort of thing, and that as you move down through the watershed, then you have influence of things like urban areas, agricultural activities and some of the things that are associated with potential sources of pollution. So in this situation, we have the opportunity for urban pollution right from the git-go, right at the top of the watershed. makes it very difficult to evaluate what is happening as we move down through the stream systems and we have other potential sources of pollution added to the streams. Dr. Sullivan, can you explain to the Court the mechanisms through which urban runoff can deliver fecal indicator bacteria to the streams? Yes. Urban runoff can deliver bacteria disproportionate to its land area. This is a really important issue, and it has been well-described in the scientific literature. It has to do primarily with the fact that so much of the water that comes down in rain is short-circuited through the urban environment, through the storm drain systems and into the streams, and this is a function of the large percentage of impervious area in urban areas. These are areas where rainfall could not percolate down into the soil. It's rooftops, it's sidewalks, streets, parking lots, construction areas. All these areas where the rain comes down, it can't go down into the soil, has

- 1 no way to go, nowhere to go, and people like to route it out of
- 2 the city as quickly as they can through the storm drain systems.
- 3 That's why they are there. The reason it's important is
- 4 because as water percolates down through the soil, it's a very
- 5 efficient filtering mechanism for many pollutants, including
- 6 | fecal indicator bacteria, but with the short-circuiting you
- 7 have in urban environments there's little opportunity to that
- 8 | to take place. And so you're picking up all the fecal material
- 9 from dogs, and cats, and wildlife, deer, whatever. Whatever is
- 10 in that environment short-circuited and moved directly into the
- 11 stream.
- 12 Q. Retake your seat, please. Dr. Sullivan, are there, in
- 13 | fact, studies that exist in the scientific literature that
- 14 discuss the importance of urban runoff on fecal indicator
- 15 | bacteria levels?
- 16 A. Yes, it's very well-described in the scientific
- 17 | literature. In fact, there was an urban storm -- storm water
- 18 | study by EPA in 1983 where they looked at this issue nationwide
- 19 and their conclusion was that typical concentrations in urban
- 20 | areas were above 10,000 CFUs per hundred mil. They can be
- 21 quite high.
- 22 | Q. Is the urban population in this watershed really large
- 23 enough to make it important as a contributor of fecal indicator
- 24 | bacteria?
- 25 A. I believe that it is, yeah.

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Q. Have you actually reviewed population data for the watershed and cities that are located within it?
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Q. Let me refer you to Demonstrative Exhibit 15.

THE WITNESS: Your Honor, may I approach the picture?

6 THE COURT: You may.

- 7 Q. (By Mr. George) Dr. Sullivan, do you recognize
- 8 Demonstrative Exhibit 15?
- 9 A. Yes. First of all, let me state that the total human --
- 10 estimates of the total human population in the watershed is
- around 300,000 people. So there are quite a few people in the
- watershed. What I've attempted to do here is to look at the
- changes over time and the population and these are the cities
- 14 on the Arkansas side of the watershed in looking at census data
- 15 | from 1980, 1990 and 2000, and they have quite rapid growth in
- 16 | population. As a matter of fact, northwest Arkansas in the
- 17 | '90's was the sixth largest growing metropolitan area in the
- 18 | United States. So the population growth has been quite
- 19 extreme. And that makes a big difference in terms of the
- amount of construction that's going on, and that's certainly
- 21 | something that I've observed in the watershed is that in that
- 22 easternmost upper end of the watershed there's a great deal of
- 23 | construction, and that provides a lot of this impervious area
- 24 | that I was talking about before.
- 25 | Q. Dr. Sullivan, if you could retake your seat. Thank you.

1 Were you present for the Attorney General's opening statements

- 2 in connection with this motion?
- 3 A. Yes, I was.
- 4 Q. And did you see the chart that was presented during his
- 5 opening remarks which appeared to show that the poultry
- 6 production in this watershed had increased over time at a rate
- 7 more substantial than animals?
- 8 A. Yes, I did see that.
- 9 MS. BURCH: Your Honor, I object to this line of
- 10 questioning. This has not been disclosed in his affidavit or
- 11 | any of his considered material.
- MR. GEORGE: He's commented very directly on human
- 13 | population in comparison to other populations in his affidavit
- 14 | that's filed with the Court. I'm simply asking him to respond,
- 15 Your Honor, to something that was presented in court by the
- 16 Attorney General.
- MS. BURCH: I guess it depends on where he goes with
- 18 | it. Some of the demonstratives they've provided that go down
- 19 this road were not provided to us and not described in his
- 20 affidavit. Nothing in his considered materials support it.
- 21 So...
- THE COURT: This has not been provided to you until
- 23 when?
- MS. BURCH: I think we got a copy of the demonstrative
- 25 | maybe March 5th, but there's none of the considered materials

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or analysis that goes into -- I can give you the demonstrative numbers if you like, but they basically go into analyzing populations of humans and cattle and comparing it to phosphorus levels in the lake, way outside anything that was in his affidavit. MR. GEORGE: Let me bring some clarity if I can, Your Honor, unless Your Honor has a question, but the demonstrative that we were about to move to is one that was compiled based upon information provided by Dr. Fisher, and Dr. Sullivan identified that as something that he had reviewed. He's commented on the human population in his affidavit. I'm not sure what you are referring to, Ms. Burch, in terms of phosphorus levels. I don't intend to present through this witness any comparison on human growth and phosphorus levels. MS. BURCH: In one of your demonstratives, I think it's Demonstrative No. 17. 17 and 18 both rely on Dr. Fisher's information. Dr. Fisher's information that was relied on for the preparation of these exhibits were not provided in Dr. Sullivan's considered materials, nor was any of the analysis. MR. GEORGE: Your Honor, may I respond briefly, and I think we can bring this to a close? Did you say 15 and 17? MS. BURCH: 17 and 18. I don't intend to offer Demonstrative MR. GEORGE: Exhibit 17. What is it? I didn't see it among the materials.

MS. BURCH: It was listed. So if you don't intend to

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               MR. GEORGE: What is it?
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               MR. GEORGE: Right.
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               THE COURT: I may have overlooked it -- be overlooking
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     it, but it's not in the packet provided to me.
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               MR. GEORGE: I believe that's correct, Your Honor. I
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     don't recall at the moment what it was.
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               MS. BURCH: You don't intend to use it? You provided
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              MR. GEORGE: It was one that was never under
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     consideration for use, but we're not using it today.
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              MS. BURCH: Okay.
              MR. GEORGE: So 17 is withdrawn, Your Honor.
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               THE COURT: All right.
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              MR. GEORGE: With regard to Demonstrative Exhibit 18,
     and it is information from notes as it the footer, that is
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     taken from the materials of Dr. Fisher. And there was an
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     agreement between counsel for both sides in this case that we
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     wouldn't reproduce each other's expert considered materials.
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     So this particular --
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              MS. BURCH: But there was an agreement -- I'm sorry.
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              MR. GEORGE: I'm sorry. This particular demonstrative
     exhibit has been in the hands of Ms. Burch for some time.
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THE COURT: Did this witness not compare human versus animal?

MS. BURCH: This witness, no. This witness provided some general information on the population, which is reflected in the demonstrative or the exhibit that they just went over, but analysis of populations in comparison to one another was not conducted.

MR. GEORGE: Your Honor, I'm looking through the affidavit. Certainly the witness commented on the human population in the watershed. In fact, the demonstrative that is on the screen is an exhibit to his report. So the witness has clearly commented both in the filing with the Court and here today on human population.

THE COURT: I understand.

MS. BURCH: If I may, I don't mean to imply that he didn't talk about populations in the cities. I guess what has not been disclosed before would be the analysis through time that's reflected on this from 1950 to 2010 in relation to each other. That was not addressed in the affidavit or the considered materials before.

MR. GEORGE: Your Honor, one last point, if I may.

THE COURT: Yes, please.

MR. GEORGE: The demonstrative exhibit that is in question is simply taking data provided by Mr. Fisher, with no manipulation, and plotting it on a chart. So there's no

analysis here, it's just a way of comparing. There was a 1 2 graphic presented to the Court in opening statement that we believe is somewhat misleading if it's not interpreted 3 properly. And so we simply wanted an opportunity to present to 5 this Court what we think is a more fair presentation of the 6 data. 7 THE COURT: All right. And because I am operating in 8 a vacuum here, this was not provided until recently; is that 9 correct? MR. GEORGE: No, Your Honor. This exhibit has been 10 11 one that was disclosed from -- consistent with the Court's scheduling order on disclosing exhibits in this case for 12 13 several weeks. 14 MS. BURCH: Your Honor, I received it on March 5th, I 15 believe, and I'm not, I guess, concerned about the fact that I 16 didn't receive the demonstrative in time. It's just difficult 17 to be able to cross-examine a witness on something if you 18 weren't provided any of the underlying analysis and materials. 19 I disagree completely that preparation of a graph like this 20 doesn't require any analysis of data. It clearly does. I 21 wouldn't be able to do it. 22 THE COURT: Now, March 5th, is that not outside the Court's schedule for providing materials? 23 24 MS. BURCH: I think it's definitely outside of the 25 Court's time for providing the expert considered materials and

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exhibits. There was an exception for demonstratives to be
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     provided a certain amount of time before testimony, so in that
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     way it's not, but it is definitely contrary to the Court's
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              MR. GEORGE: Your Honor, I apologize.
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     Southerfield is present in the courtroom. She was responsible
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     for delivering demonstratives in keeping with this Court's
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     she can verify that this exhibit was delivered timely.
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              MS. SOUTHERLAND: What was the number, please?
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              MR. GEORGE: It is Demonstrative Exhibit 18.
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              MS. SOUTHERLAND: According to me, we exchanged
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     Demonstrative 218 on February the 16th, 2008.
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              MS. BURCH: Okay. So I guess I'm in error. The first
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      time I saw it was on March 5th. There's been a lot of things
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      exchanged, and I apologize for that. I don't think I'm in
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      error, and I don't think they disagree with me that none of the
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      analysis of the data or the actual exhibit was provided as
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      something that the expert created.
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               THE COURT: All right. It appears to me that the
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      plaintiff has not had an opportunity to verify, if I understand
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      correctly, that these -- that this demonstrative reflects Dr.
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      Fisher's data; is that correct?
               MS. BURCH: Yes.
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THE COURT: The objection is sustained with respect to 1 this particular demonstrative. Anything else? 2 MS. BURCH: No. 3 MR. GEORGE: Thank you, Your Honor. 4 (By Mr. George) Dr. Sullivan, do you agree with the 5 statement that the poultry population in the watershed has 6 increased over time at a rate more substantial than the human 7 or the cattle population? 8 No, I don't. When I look at the data regarding the 9 increase in population of --10 MS. BURCH: I'm sorry. Objection, Your Honor. 11 is testimony about the subject matter that was covered on the 12 previous exhibit. This is the precise type of testimony I was 13 objecting to. 14 THE COURT: At least with respect to human. Now he's 15 comparing human versus poultry. Do I need to see his initial 16 affidavit because frankly, I took it with all the other 17 materials at lunch with me, so I don't have it here in the 18 19 courtroom. MR. GEORGE: I do have a copy of the affidavit, Your 20 Honor. 21 THE COURT: Let me take a look since this is an issue. 22 The objection is sustained. 23 MR. GEORGE: Thank you, Your Honor. 24 (By Mr. George) Refer back to Demonstrative Exhibit 13, 25 Q.

- 1 Dr. Sullivan. You mentioned the triangles on this map. Could
- 2 you remind us what they refer to?
- 3 A. Yes. These are the wastewater treatment plants that
- 4 discharge directly into the stream system.
- 5 Q. Dr. Sullivan, in addition to the daily discharges, has
- 6 your work in this case documented any periodic discharges of
- 7 untreated wastewater?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And let me refer you to Demonstrative Exhibit 16, which is
- 10 | a copy of a chart that's included in your expert report.
- THE WITNESS: Your Honor, may I approach?
- 12 THE COURT: You may, sir.
- 13 Q. (By Mr. George) Dr. Sullivan, could you please explain
- 14 Demonstrative Exhibit 16?
- 15 A. Yes. This is a summary of data that were available on
- 16 | sewage bypasses from some of the communities inside the
- 17 | Illinois River Watershed, and the point is that there were
- 18 | periodic discharges or bypasses with rather large volumes of
- 19 | raw sewage. This would not be sewage that had been treated.
- 20 This is not like a bypass when it rains too much. This is a
- 21 | bypass -- it can be a bypass when it rains too much and there's
- 22 | raw sewage that's actually released directly into the river
- 23 system or some other kind of a sewage line break that has the
- 24 | potential to impact the stream system. But we have median
- 25 | concentrations from the different communities that can be as

- 1 | low as 200 gallons to as high as 7,000 gallons depending on
- 2 | which community we look at, and with median concentrations of
- 3 | fecal coliform bacteria that range between about ten to the
- 4 | twelfth and ten to the fourteenth. So ten to the ninth is a
- 5 billion, ten to the twelfth is a trillion, so these are
- 6 | trillions of bacteria per bypass. This is an infrequent source
- 7 but can be a significant source of fecal indicator bacteria to
- 8 | the stream system.
- 9 Q. Dr. Sullivan, you mentioned a -- perhaps a break in a
- 10 | sewer line as an explanation. What were some of the other
- causes well known to result in a bypass of a treatment process
- 12 and direct discharge?
- 13 A. It would be the treatment system receiving more water
- 14 | because of high rainfall, more water than it can handle, and
- 15 | therefore, they can be forced to discharge some of the
- 16 | wastewater. And this is an occasion that happens during storm
- 17 | conditions.
- 18 Q. Dr. Sullivan, let me refer you back to Demonstrative
- 19 Exhibit 13, which is your watershed map. Are there any
- 20 municipal sewage systems that operate in the basin that are not
- 21 | shown in your map?
- 22 A. Yes, there are. There are municipal sewer systems that
- 23 | don't discharge directly through a pipe into the stream system.
- 24 | They would have like a lagoon system, for example, to deal with
- 25 | the sewage material. There's one that I'm aware of that's in

- 1 | the vicinity of Watts.
- Q. The one you're aware of in the vicinity of Watts, is it
- 3 | located near the Illinois River?
- 4 A. Yes, it is.
- 5 Q. Approximately how close are the lagoons at Watts?
- 6 A. They're about 500 yards away from one of the USGS sampling
- 7 | site locations, what's called the Watts site.
- 8 Q. The USGS sampling location at Watts, have you reviewed the
- 9 data from that location?
- 10 A. Yes. They have periodically collected water samples and
- 11 | analyzed them for fecal indicator bacteria, and I've looked at
- 12 those data.
- 13 Q. Have you noted in the data from the USGS station at Watts
- 14 anything interesting or peculiar in terms of bacteria
- 15 | concentrations?
- 16 A. Yes. USGS has collected samples from a number of sites
- 17 | around the watershed, and the location at Watts is somewhat
- 18 different for two reasons. First of all, it tends to be
- 19 | higher, often quite a bit higher than any of the other
- 20 | locations; and secondly, it tends to jump up quite a bit as
- 21 | compared with the site immediately upstream of Watts, and
- 22 | that's at the Arkansas Highway 59 bridge crossing, and that
- 23 | site is only about four miles away. So in a rather small space
- 24 of river reach, we tend to see oftentimes quite significant
- 25 | increases in bacteria and, again, achieving what are normally

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the higher levels of bacteria in the system as measured by USGS.
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- Q. Let me refer you to Demonstrative Exhibit 78. Can you
- 4 describe for the Court what's shown in Demonstrative Exhibit
- 5 78?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 | THE WITNESS: Your Honor, may I approach the screen?
- MS. BURCH: Your Honor, I object to the use of this
- 9 photo as well. This wasn't in the considered materials.
- MR. GEORGE: Your Honor, it's a demonstrative exhibit
- 11 | simply designed to illustrate -- actually not illustrate,
- 12 depict the conditions the witness has just described.
- THE COURT: And as a demonstrative we're not admitting
- 14 | it into evidence?
- MR. GEORGE: That's correct, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: Overruled.
- 17 THE WITNESS: May I approach the screen?
- THE COURT: You may.
- 19 | A. This is the location of the lagoons for the City of Watts
- and the application area for the excess water. This is the
- 21 | main stem Illinois River, and this is the bridge crossing,
- Oklahoma Highway 59 where USGS collects their samples. So the
- 23 distance from the lagoons to the sampling site location is
- 24 about 500 yards.
- 25 | Q. (By Mr. George) Dr. Sullivan, are you aware of any

- concerns being voiced by federal agencies about bacterial
- 2 contamination of the river from these lagoons?
- 3 A. Yes. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service voiced concerns in
- 4 | conjunction with a request to increase the capacity by taking
- 5 sewage from West Siloam Springs and adding it to the Watts
- 6 system, and the concern voiced by USGS was with respect to the
- 7 | possibility of polluting the Illinois River.
- 8 Q. Okay. Retake your seat, please. Now, Dr. Sullivan, for
- 9 | all of the sources that you've identified and discussed with
- 10 | the Court for fecal indicator bacteria, do you have an opinion
- 11 | as to when these sources are most likely to influence bacterial
- 12 | levels in the streams and rivers?
- 13 A. Yes. That would be at high flow.
- 14 | Q. Have you actually looked at water quality conditions that
- exist during periods of low or moderate flow as well?
- 16 A. Yes, I have.
- 17 Q. Okay. And why have you done that?
- 18 A. Well, I think it's important to distinguish between high
- 19 | and low flow because as I understand it, a major point of this
- 20 | preliminary injunction is the possibility of exposure of
- 21 | recreationists, especially with primary body contact
- 22 | recreation, which is actually swimming and being in the water
- 23 | with the possibility of ingestion, and in my opinion, that
- 24 | would be most likely to occur during low and moderate flows.
- 25 | So I think it's important to separate out the concentrations

- 1 | that are achieved at high flow versus what's achieved at the
- 2 | lower flow conditions.
- Q. Dr. Sullivan, have you, based upon your review of the data
- 4 | collected during high flow, low flow and moderate flow
- 5 conditions, reached any conclusion as to the general condition
- 6 of the water during the time that you've described as most
- 7 likely to be used for primary body contact recreation?
- 8 A. The general contact -- the general condition of the water
- 9 during the lower and moderate flows is generally not above the
- 10 standards for fecal coliform bacteria or E. Coli.
- 11 Q. Dr. Sullivan, have you also looked at not only the times
- 12 of use but the areas in which water in the watershed is most
- commonly used and evaluated data based on those areas compared
- 14 to areas where it is not used as regularly?
- 15 A. Yes, I have.
- 16 Q. Okay. Let me refer you to Demonstrative Exhibit 19, which
- 17 | is a map.
- THE WITNESS: Your Honor, may I approach the exhibit?
- THE COURT: You may, sir.
- 20 Q. (By Mr. George) Dr. Sullivan, could you explain what is
- 21 | shown on Demonstrative Exhibit 19?
- 22 A. Yes. This is a depiction of the stream system in the
- 23 | Illinois River. The area that was identified by Dr. Caneday as
- 24 | the main recreation area is coded here in orange, so you can
- 25 | see where that is. And these are color coded by what's called

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Strahler Stream Order, and this -- I may need to have just a little bit of time to explain what this means so that this demonstrative can make sense. Strahler Stream Order is a way of classifying stream reaches based on their size or relative size and their position in the watershed. So if you start up in the headwaters with a small stream, that will be called a first order stream, a stream with no tributaries feeding into That's a first order stream. As it flows downhill and it. combines with another first order stream, then that becomes a second order stream. As that continues down the hill, if more first order streams flow into it, it's still second order, it doesn't change, but once two second order streams come together, that becomes a third order stream and so on. And so what I've done is I've not shown the first order streams on here. I've shown the second order through seventh order. Where Barren Fork joins with the main stem Illinois River down here right at the bottom of the watershed it becomes seventh order there. So Basically we're looking at a distribution going from second order down through sixth order, and this is a way of classifying the stream so we can look at conditions like chemistry or bacteria concentrations in the smaller streams versus the larger streams, which is important in this case because it's the larger streams where my understanding that most of the recreation occurs that would be likely to have primary body contact.

- Q. Dr. Sullivan, what are the stream orders that, based on
- 2 the information you've been provided are the ones that receive
- 3 | the most substantial use in terms of recreation; what order?
- 4 A. The sixth order. The main stem Illinois River through
- 5 here, the sixth order.
- Q. There's been some testimony in this court about use of the
- 7 | Flint Creek area for recreation, including water recreation.
- 8 What stream order is that area?
- 9 A. That would be fourth in its upper reaches and fifth in its
- 10 lower reaches. So these areas that are identified as key
- 11 recreation areas would be fourth, fifth and sixth order.
- 12 | Q. Dr. Sullivan, when you reviewed the data collected by the
- 13 | State from its sampling in this case, with regard to the
- 14 fourth, fifth and sixth stream orders, do you have an opinion
- 15 | as to whether the water quality conditions generally are
- 16 | satisfactory in terms of water quality standards in those
- 17 areas.
- 18 A. Yes, with respect to fecal coliforms and E. Coli, they're
- 19 generally satisfactory.
- Q. Where are the areas in which the State's sampling has
- 21 | identified the higher levels of fecal coliform or fecal
- 22 | indicator bacteria?
- 23 A. That would be primarily in the smaller streams.
- 24 | Q. Now, Dr. Sullivan, as part of your review in this case,
- 25 | did you consult and analyze information regarding the protocols

1 put in place for the State as part of its sampling program?

- 2 A. Yes, I did.
- 3 | Q. And did you review information provided by any other
- 4 expert relative to breaches of those protocols?
- 5 A. Yes. I reviewed information from Conestoga-Rovers &
- 6 Associates, the report that was provided by them. I talked to
- 7 Mr. Churchill about those breaches. I reviewed a video.
- 8 Q. What video did you review, Dr. Sullivan?
- 9 A. It was a video of a sampling events at a spring location.
- 10 MS. BURCH: Your Honor, I object -- I'm sorry to
- 11 interrupt you, sir. I object to this testimony as well. There
- 12 | was no video provided to us in his considered materials.
- MR. GEORGE: Your Honor, the video is already in
- 14 | evidence subject to the stipulation. The video was produced as
- part of Mr. Churchill's considered materials in this case, and
- 16 Dr. Sullivan in his affidavit acknowledges in a very separate
- 17 | place the fact that he has reviewed the information provided by
- 18 Dr. Churchill.
- 19 MS. BURCH: I quess the fact that it's been discussed
- 20 by another witness in the case doesn't really answer my
- 21 concern. My concern is there was no indication in his
- 22 | considered materials that he had looked at a video, and that
- 23 | material wasn't identified in his, so therefore, I wouldn't
- have known to have reviewed it.
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the question, of course, because typically in a battle of experts, experts can remain in the courtroom and view the testimony of other experts and comment upon opinions of other experts and take into consideration testimony that has been elicited during the course of the trial. Speak to me why that generally ought not apply here. See, one of the problems here, of course, is that given that this is a preliminary proceeding as opposed to a proceeding that has occurred or is occurring after the close of discovery, we tried to fashion, back in November, some ground rules. Because the plaintiff wished to have an expedited proceeding, the Court permitted certain discovery relative to the plaintiffs' experts who had been gathered guite some time ago, and the plaintiff had had the benefit of discovery in the case-in-chief, which is somewhat different than typical preliminary injunction proceedings, which normally occur at the outset of a case. So given that general overview, why should this witness not be able to opine to the extent that he has been here apparently through the entire proceeding. Is that right, Dr. Sullivan? THE WITNESS: Almost, sir. THE COURT: To opine relative to opinions and testimony that has been presented to this Court? I guess the main thing would be the fact MS. BURCH: that there hasn't been a video shown in the courtroom, and I

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               MR. GEORGE: It is, Your Honor.
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in the middle portion of the flowing water, not along the edge where it can be impacted by what is happening along the edge. A sampler should never step into a stream and then sample in such a way to collect water that receives disturbed sediment. And if you can see, he's collecting right along the edge of the stream and right below and next to where he stepped. And if you look carefully, you'll see some of the sediment billowing up from the place where he disturbed it and moving directly where he sampled. It's hard to see. It's right here. sediment is heading from where he disturbed directly towards the tube that is pulling in water into his sample. This is way beyond a procedural breach. This is inexcusable sampling procedure in a number of ways. The first way is the importance of when you collect the sample, that sample has to be representative of something. If it's a sample of a stream, it's got to be collected out in the middle of the stream, not where influence from the side can give you different chemistry or different biology. It's got to be in the middle, not along the surface where again you can get different chemistry biology. It needs to be in the middle area of flow. The same thing with this situation, it was a spring sampling that was actually collected downhill from where the spring exited the ground. This is another important point. A number of the State witnesses, in particular Dr. Teaf and Dr. Fisher, have classified the spring data as representations of groundwater.

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Then the second problem is that again you need to sample out in the middle and away from the influences of the side. That wasn't done.

And the third and most egregious problem is you never, ever step in a stream or any body of water and sample in a location where you can get contamination from the disturbance that you made. This is -- this illustrates very clearly to me that the people involved in that particular sampling instance didn't have the proper training and did not have the proper oversight. Now I have no videos and have no personal observation of what happened when the stream sampling was occurring or the other spring sampling was occurring, but if this is reflective of the training and the oversight that was provided to me, I really don't have confidence in those data. Dr. Sullivan, in addition to the breaches of the sampling protocols that were shown in the video and that you discuss in your affidavit that we pointed the Court to, do you have any other concerns regarding the quality of the data in terms of quality control?

A. Yes, I do, and I think that it's called QA/QC, quality

assurance, quality control. In a sampling program for waters like this, you need to have a QAC program in place. It's standard procedure, everybody does that. And there are typical

MS. BURCH: Your Honor, again, there is absolutely no discussion of QA/QC protocols in here in the affidavit.

MR. GEORGE: Your Honor, first of all, the objection would have been timely when the question was made, not in the middle of the witness' answer. But secondly, this witness has commented in his declaration on the lack of representativeness and reliability of the State's sampling data, as has been the case with every expert witness that has been presented. The affidavits are by definition condensed versions of what would be the subject of testimony. I believe it's fair play.

THE COURT: Overruled.

A. In terms of QA/QC programs, typically you would target a minimum of 10 percent of your samples would be QA/QC samples. The USGS targets between 10 and 20 percent. USGS in water sampling is, I view them as the gold standard of the way water sampling should be done. So 10 to 20 percent is what USGS recommends. There are a number of different types of QA/QC samples. The most important ones would be sample replicates and field blanks. Now what a field blank is, is you take the ionized distilled water that would not have bacteria or other contaminants in it into the field with you, and you process it

through your sampling equipment and everything just like a sample out of a stream or out a spring, and then you take that sample back to the laboratory and have them analyze it and presumably you will get zero bacteria or whether the constituent is that you are looking for. And that's a way to test for contamination problems by the field people and the lab people all mixed together, that's a reflection of what kind of contamination you might have in your overall system. And to demonstrate good quality data, you want to see a bunch of zeros for your field blanks.

The other very important QA/QC sample type is this replicate, a field replicate. And what that means is, and you can call -- there are different types of field replicates, the most important one is sequential field replicate where you collect a sample in the field, and then you immediately, within a few seconds or a minute, as quickly as you reasonably can, you collect another one, and then again you process those all the way through the laboratory just like any other sample. And so you have two samples that are intended to represent the same thing. They are intended to represent the chemistry or biology of that water at that place at that time. It incorporates the uncertainty in your ability to sample at exactly the same spot. Again, in the stream you sample in the middle, you sample in the middle of the depth, and you are looking for the measure of central tendency of that water, the bulk of that water, that's

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what you want. And you can never sample exactly the same spot, so you want to know how much uncertainty you have in doing that. You also want to know how much uncertainty you have in collecting a sample, and then 15 or 20 or 30 seconds later collecting another one because that variability we know occurs, and you want to know how that influences the final number you end up with. And then rolled into the analysis of those two duplicates, those two replicates would be also any errors associated with the field sampling work, any errors associated with the lab. So it's all rolled together into one pair of numbers, and you want them to come out fairly closely. And again, what the USGS recommends is about 5 to 10 percent of these field replicates and about 5 to 10 percent of the field blanks. And there are other kind of QA/QC samples you can include, but those are the main ones. When I looked at the database from the State, first of

When I looked at the database from the State, first of all, it was very difficult to decide where there were QA/QC samples. So this is my impression of what I've seen, is I saw five of what looked to me to be clearly field replicates. The agreement was not encouraging to me. There were two pairs that differed by 500 to 700 percent. There was one pair where the E. Coli concentrations were 200 and 1,400 CFUs per hundred mil. There was another pair that differed by about a factor of five. It was approximately 50 and 250. It was 46 and 240, something like that, but about a factor of five. So because there were

only five replicates as far as I could determine collected, and two of them looked pretty bad, again, I don't have a lot of confidence in this data.

MS. BURCH: I think there's a big difference between testifying about QA/QC for sampling protocol in the field and stepping in a spring or not stepping in a spring, as opposed to now he's giving testimony about reviewing data in a database and whether one particular sample, you know, was different than another field QA/QC sample. I don't have any of that testimony. I don't have any considered materials on that. I don't have anything in his affidavit on that. It's the first time I'm hearing it.

MR. GEORGE: Your Honor, two points. First of all, the testimony is concluded, and we're ready to move to the next subject but, secondly, the data that he is describing, the data he's describing is data produced by the State, the State's own data. There have been witnesses presented in this courtroom at length discussing this data. It's been fairly disclosed and in the hands of all parties.

THE COURT: Well, perhaps I misunderstand, but the replicate sampling is part of QA/QC, correct or am I --

THE WITNESS: It's supposed to be.

THE COURT: All right. So it appears that with respect of the most recent testimony here, that's encompassed within the earlier objection. I don't have the affidavit in

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     handed it to you?
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               THE COURT: Let me allow you to take a look. I'm
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      Overton. And we'll cool our heels until those are brought
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      back. Mr. George, if you could look, while Mr. Overton is
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               MR. GEORGE: Thank you, Your Honor. I'll do that.
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     being discussed is Paragraphs 22, 23, 24 and 25.
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              THE COURT: All right. Having read the Paragraphs 22,
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     of not taking replicate sampling. I may be overlooking
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     those paragraphs, the objection is sustained in that regard.
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               MR. GEORGE: Thank you, Your Honor.
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           (By Mr. George) Dr. Sullivan, I'll refer you to the last
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               THE WITNESS: Your Honor, may I approach the screen?
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               THE COURT: You may, sir.
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densities. The lighter colors indicate the lower densities and these were organized by Zip Code. That was the highest level of resolution we could come up with to do that. And basically what this shows is that the cattle are distributed throughout the watershed, but the higher densities tend to be, again, in the headwater areas. And this is particularly problematic, and it's something that we touched on with respect to the human populations, is in the headwater areas of this watershed, that's where we have most of the people, that's where we have most of the land disturbing construction activities, most of the urban runoff, and it's also where we have a rather significant number of cows in the areas surrounding those communities. And this is problematic because these are the two sources that I would consider to be the most likely to be important in terms of contributing fecal indicator bacteria to the stream systems, is where the cattle are and where the people in urban areas are concentrated, and in both cases they're at the upper end which makes it, I think, quite difficult to interpret what's happening as we are move down through the watershed, and we have other potential sources kicking in, is to figure out what's really causing any particular problems that one may observe. MR. GEORGE: I'll pass the witness, Your Honor. THE COURT: Cross-Examination. CROSS-EXAMINATION

- 1 BY MS. BURCH:
- 2 | Q. Kelly Burch for the State of Oklahoma. Could you describe
- 3 | to me in a little bit more detail what a PhD in biological
- 4 | sciences is?
- 5 A. It's a PhD that focuses on biology that -- the program
- 6 | that I was involved in was a rather unusual interdisciplinary
- 7 | PhD program, which could be customized depending on the
- 8 | interest of the student, and mine was customized to focus on
- 9 environmental chemistry, ecology and zoology.
- 10 | Q. And is the science of microbiology encompassed within
- 11 | those three topics that you just listed?
- 12 | A. Microbiology would not be considered as one of those three
- 13 | areas of specialization. It would be included within the
- 14 general area of biological sciences.
- 15 | Q. Okay. That's not something that you focused on, though,
- 16 when you were getting your PhD?
- 17 | A. I focused more on microbiology when I was involved in my
- 18 | master's program than my PhD, and I focused more on
- 19 | microbiology in some of my research that I've conducted since
- 20 my PhD.
- 21 | Q. Okay, and when you're talking about the research, would I
- 22 | be correct if I said that most of that research that you've
- 23 | done with regard to microbiology has been in -- I'm not sure
- 24 | I'm going to say it correctly -- Tillamook Bay?
- 25 A. In the Tillamook area. I've also interpreted the results

of microbiological data in conjunction with probably about ten 1 watershed assessments, and these were the assessments where 2 we're looking at what's going on throughout the watershed, much 3 as we are here in the Illinois River Watershed and looking at 4 the impacts of human activities, of forestry, road building, 5 erosion, we're looking at urban influences with respect to 6 constituents like nutrients, bacteria, suspended solids, pH, I 7 mean, a lot of the same kinds of things that we're evaluating 8 here. And in the context of those watershed assessments, we 9 routinely look at fecal indicator bacteria concentrations, and 10

- Q. Okay. And you also looked at -- or have you had education
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- 14 A. I haven't had any courses in hydrology. I've done a

 15 number of studies that include hydrological elements; worked

 16 with watershed mathematical models that include hydrological

 17 components; published papers in the Journal of Hydrology. So I
- don't consider myself a hydrologist, but I have a lot of
- 19 experience in hydrological research areas.

that's a microbiological topic area.

- Q. You've been involved in several watershed assessments you said; correct?
- 22 A. Yes. I think I've been involved in at least ten myself.
- 23 My company has done 15 or 16 in the last maybe eight or ten years.
- Q. And were most of those in Oregon?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 | Q. Were they -- how many of those were associated with the
- 3 | Tillamook Bay?
- 4 A. Two.
- 5 Q. Two of those?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 | Q. When you work on a watershed assessment, do you do any
- 8 sampling yourself?
- 9 A. Typically not. The watershed assessments that I did in
- 10 | the Tillamook area, I think one of the reasons that we were
- 11 | selected to do those assessments is because I had done quite a
- 12 lot of sampling in those rivers in that basin, but typically
- 13 | the watershed assessment process does not involve collecting
- 14 | new data, it involves interpretation of existing data, much as
- 15 I'm trying to do in this case.
- 16 | Q. Have you -- and when you have worked on these watershed
- 17 | assessments, have you relied on data collected by state
- 18 agencies?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. What about USGS?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And do you consider USGS data to be fairly reliable?
- 23 A. I think that USGS data in general is very reliable.
- 24 | Q. I think in your affidavit you said that it was extremely
- 25 | reliable, something like that?

- 1 A. I wouldn't disagree with that.
- 2 | Q. They produce high quality data that you can depend on when
- 3 you're making decisions about what's happening in the
- 4 | environment?
- 5 A. I think that's generally correct.
- 6 Q. Okay. Are fecal indicator bacteria an issue in the
- 7 | Tillamook Bay?
- 8 A. Yes, it's a big issue.
- 9 Q. Okay. I'm going to hand you what I have marked here as
- 10 574. If I can approach?
- THE COURT: You may.
- 12 Q. (By Ms. Burch) Do you recognize that document?
- 13 A. No, but I see elements that might make sense that this
- 14 | would be from the TEP.
- 15 Q. What is the TEP?
- 16 A. Tillamook Estuaries Partnership.
- 17 | Q. Have you done any work with them?
- 18 A. Yes, I have.
- 19 Q. Have you seen their web page before?
- 20 A. I believe I have things on their web page. I haven't
- 21 perused it ever, I don't think.
- Q. Does that appear like the TEP Web site?
- 23 A. Well, like I say, I've never perused it. So I'm really
- 24 not sure.
- 25 | Q. Okay. Let me refer you to the first paragraph that talks

- 1 about the TEP bacterial monitoring program. Are you familiar
- 2 with the monitoring program that TEP is involved in?
- 3 A. Yes, I wrote the quality assurance document for that
- 4 monitoring program.
- 5 | Q. Okay. Would you look down about the third sentence that
- 6 starts with the word "bacteria" and read that sentence into
- 7 | the --
- 8 A. I'm sorry. Where are we?
- 9 Q. In the very first paragraph.
- 10 A. Very first paragraph.
- 11 Q. Do you see the third sentence that starts with the word
- 12 | "bacteria"?
- 13 A. Yes. "Bacteria contamination is a significant threat to
- 14 public health and aquatic function and originates from point
- 15 and non-point sources and runoff from agricultural, urban and
- 16 | residential land uses along the rivers."
- 17 | Q. In the Tillamook Bay watershed, is land application of
- 18 | manure from dairy operations a significant source of fecal
- 19 | indicator bacteria?
- 20 | A. It has been in the past. It's something that the TEP and
- 21 others have been working on quite a lot in the recent years to
- 22 | try to minimize.
- 23 | Q. Are you aware of any studies that have been done using PCR
- techniques to be able to do source identification?
- MR. GEORGE: Your Honor, outside the scope of direct.

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We didn't call this witness on PCR.
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              THE COURT: Sustained.
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          (By Ms. Burch) Okay. What techniques were used in this
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     watershed to identify sources of bacteria pollution?
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              MR. GEORGE: Your Honor, same objection. I believe
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     that Ms. Burch is seeking to turn Dr. Sullivan into perhaps a
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     bacterial genetic marker witness, which would be outside his
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     scope.
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              MS. BURCH: I'm seeking to evaluate his knowledge of
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     watershed assessments. He's testifying about sources in this
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     watershed, and I think I should be able to inquire into how he
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     has looked at sources or worked with other people to look at
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     sources in other watersheds.
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              THE COURT: I'll give you some leeway, but we're not
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     going to go full tilt here.
              MS. BURCH: I understand.
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               THE COURT: Overruled.
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               THE WITNESS: I'm sorry. Can you restate the
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     question.
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again, this is quite different from what we see in the Illinois River Watershed in terms of the headwaters of the rivers, at least four of the five rivers that flow into that bay are exclusively forested, so there are no human or livestock impacts of any kind on the rivers. And then as you move down, lower down on the systems, then you move into areas that include agricultural development, a lot of that is dairy cow activity. There are also some beef cows and hobby horses and that sort of things, a lot of septic systems. And then two of the rivers flow through the City of Tillamook, so we have urban influence coming in from the city. So the land uses are much more compartmentalized in at least four of the five rivers, less so in some of river itself. And we've done a lot of work just to look at collecting samples at the interface between different land uses and trying to see how concentrations and loads of bacteria and other constituents change in those rivers as you move downstream. So we've done quite a lot of that. That would be the first.

The second type of study that I've conducted, and I've conducted this on the Tillamook, Trask and Wilson Rivers. These would be that three that are the most problematic with respect to bacteria, they have the highest concentrations and loads of the five rivers. What I've done there is conducted Mine were mostly focused on the Tillamook and Trask Rivers, although I helped to write the report on the Wilson

River water, where we collected frequent interval sampling during storm events, and so we sampled up to 30 different locations in a rather narrow band within the agricultural, urban and suburban, rural residential land use areas, and looking at the ways that bacteria concentrations and loads changed as you move down the river system, and outlining the contributing areas of watershed that flow into those reaches of river and then trying to figure out what land uses are embedded in these contributing areas and which land uses are contributing which proportions of the various contaminants of interest, including fecal coliform bacteria. So those would be two of the primary source type studies I've done.

I've also done related studies in the Tillamook basin to look at sources. One would be a demonstration project working with the farmers in the entire watershed. We had three farm owners in the watershed. I was able to make arrangements to work with two of them and what we did was to change management procedures and change the --

Q. I don't mean to interrupt you. That's a little bit off topic in terms of what techniques were used to identify sources. Other than the work that you described that you did

MR. GEORGE: I apologize. The witness was being responsive to the question, which was what type of source tracking methods have you used. I think he was describing his

last one. I ask that he be allowed to answer.

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MS. BURCH: It didn't sound like a source tracking.

THE COURT: I think he was attempting to be responsive to your question. Anything else in response there, Doctor? Well, the study that I was trying to describe was actually working with the farmers to reduce the things that we think contribute bacterial pollution and then actually measuring how effective it was. And so that was focused on the particular land use of dairy farming and pasturing activities. We had beef cattle, we had dairy cattle and a very active dairy in the watershed. And by working with the landowners to have manure spreading setbacks away from the streams, building fences, planting riparian vegetation, enhancing wetlands, putting berm systems in to retard the flow of water into the streams, changing how water was routed, putting in new culverts where they were inadequate and would cause flooding of the fields, a number of low tech solutions to the problem and then actually quantify how much we could reduce the bacteria, and in doing that, we reduced fecal coliform bacteria by about 75 percent even though we only worked with two out of the three farmers, the third one wasn't willing to work with us. So I think that we're focused on the source and trying to remediate that source of fecal bacteria.

THE COURT: I think Ms. Burch's next question is going to focus on source tracking; correct?

Q. (By Ms. Burch) Yes, that was my question. Are there any source tracking methodologies that have been used in the Tillamook watershed?

A. Yes, there have been two that I'm aware of. The first one is bacterial antibiotic resistance work, and I actually collected the samples that were used in that and consulted with the scientists at Oregon State University who did that work, although I wasn't directly involved in interpreting the data or doing any of the bacteriological analyses. So that was done to try to discriminate. And the basis for that is that these bugs that are out there are used to being exposed to certain antibiotics. If they are bugs that come out of people they're used to being exposed to people antibiotics, if they are bugs from cows, they're exposed to cow antibiotics and so on. And so looking at the suite of resistance of the bacteria to a whole group of antibiotics, you can get some insight in terms of whether they came out of people or came out of cows or came out of wildlife. So that study was conducted.

And then there was also a DNA study that was conducted. I was not involved in that at all. I had interactions with agency people who were involved with it, had discussions, but I have no firsthand knowledge about what came out of that study and I have not read the report that came out of that study.

Q. Okay. So do you know whether anybody in Oregon is relying

- on that to make decisions on what ought to happen in the
- 2 watershed?
- A. All I can provide is some hearsay. I'm not sure you want
- 4 my hearsay. I don't have any definitive answer to that
- 5 question.
- 6 Q. You don't know?
- 7 A. I don't know the answer to that question myself, no.
- Q. Okay. That's fine. I'm going to give you what I have
- 9 marked here as Exhibit 602. Do you recognize that?
- 10 \mid A. Yes. This appears to be a report that I wrote.
- 11 | Q. Did you -- is it accurate to say you did an investigation
- or an evaluation of fecal coliform bacteria levels in runoff
- 13 from manure-applied fields?
- 14 A. I think that would be an accurate characterization.
- 15 Q. Did you find that in the absence of filter strips, you
- 16 | could have high levels of fecal coliform bacteria runoff?
- 17 A. What I found was if you apply, in this case dairy cow
- 18 | manure to pastureland and there's no vegetative buffer at all
- 19 between where you apply the manure and where you collect runoff
- 20 | samples, that there would be high levels of fecal coliform
- 21 | bacteria when you were able to actually generate and collect
- 22 | that runoff, yes.
- Q. And from my reading of your work, you indicated that
- 24 | levels in excess of 200 CFU per 100 milliliters were what you
- 25 | were calling high?

- 1 A. I don't remember characterizing values as high or not
- 2 | high. I know there was some analyses that I did where I
- 3 restricted the analyses -- I'm pretty sure there were where I
- 4 restricted the analyses to that cutoff. I don't remember
- 5 characterizing anything as high or not high.
- 6 Q. You don't remember saying that you saw very high levels of
- 7 | fecal coliform bacteria in runoff?
- 8 A. I may have said that. I don't remember if I had a
- 9 particular cutoff that characterized as high or not.
- 10 Q. Could you turn to Page 44, please?
- 11 A. Yes, I have it.
- 12 Q. Could you read the first two sentences under the section
- 13 | called discussion?
- 14 A. Yes. "Runoff from the manure-treated cells that contained
- 15 | no filter strip, " and in parenthesis, "zero filter strip cells,
- 16 | had very high concentrations of FCB." That would be fecal
- 17 | coliform bacteria. "Median values for the gentle slope cell
- 18 | and for the silty soil site cell both exceeded 10,000 CFUs per
- 19 | 100 mil."
- Q. Do you think 10,000 CFU per 100 mil is a high level of
- 21 | bacteria, fecal coliform bacteria in runoff?
- 22 A. It depends on where it is. If you are collecting a small
- 23 | volume of runoff immediately adjacent to an area that has had
- 24 dairy cow manure applied, I wouldn't consider it to be
- 25 particularly high, no.

- Q. You wouldn't consider it to be a high level?
- 2 A. Not for that kind of sample location. What I would
- 3 | consider high would very much depend on what I was sampling.
- 4 Am I sampling drinking water, am I sampling primary contact
- 5 | body -- I mean body contact recreation water, am I sampling
- 6 some runoff that came from a few inches away from where I
- 7 | applied dairy cow manure? I mean, what I would consider high
- 8 | would vary depending on the context of what I was looking at.
- 9 Q. So you expect to see high levels at the edge of field in
- 10 runoff samples?

- 11 A. I had applied fresh dairy cow manure within a few inches
- 12 of where those samples were collected. If I didn't find
- 13 | bacteria there, then I would have been very surprised.
- 14 Q. Right. Did you actually -- you were actually doing this
- 15 | in the field, you were land applying dairy manure and then
- 16 | collecting samples in the field; right?
- 17 A. That's correct. I hauled thousands of gallons of dairy
- 18 | cow manure myself.
- 19 Q. That sounds like a lot of fun.
- 20 A. Yes, it was actually.
- 21 Q. And so you expect to see levels -- the median value in
- 22 | runoff after you did that was 10,000 colonies per 100
- 23 | milliliter for fecal coliform?
- 24 A. I think that's what I just read. That would make sense.
- 25 | Q. Okay. So could you turn to Page 9 of your report? Could

- 1 | you read -- in the third paragraph, could you read the second
- 2 sentence?
- 3 A. The third paragraph, second sentence. "Subsequent surface
- 4 | runoff during rainstorms can contaminate stream and estuarine
- 5 resources with enteric bacteria." And it references Entry, et
- 6 al. 2000.
- 7 | Q. Is the Tillamook Bay watershed a recreational watershed?
- 8 A. I would consider it to be a recreational watershed, yes.
- 9 Q. People swim in it, recreate in it?
- 10 A. Well, there's really not much swimming that goes on.
- 11 | There's a lot of canoeing and kayaking in certain areas and a
- 12 lot of fishing and boating goes on.
- 13 Q. Okay.
- 14 A. Bird watching.
- 15 Q. So recreational primary body contact standards apply in
- 16 | those waters?
- 17 | A. The most important standards would be the primary body
- 18 | contact recreation standards in the fresh water portions of the
- 19 | watershed if that's what you are referring to, yes.
- 20 | Q. Okay. In that same paragraph you say, "The movement of
- 21 | bacteria from pasture to surface water is an important
- 22 | environmental concern." Do you agree?
- 23 A. I think that it can definitely be an important concern.
- 24 It's important that we structure the application of manure on
- 25 pasturelands in ways that it will not contribute runoff to a

- 1 stream system. That's the reason in my view for a lot of the
- 2 regulations that we have here in Oklahoma and Arkansas as well
- 3 as regulations that have been coming online nationwide and will
- 4 probably continue to come online nationwide.
- 5 | Q. The next sentence after the one I just read, you say these
- 6 | fresh -- "These same fresh estuarine surface water and" -- I'm
- 7 | sorry. "These same fresh and estuarine surface waters are used
- 8 | for recreational activities, and therefore high concentrations
- 9 of fecal bacteria pose a health risk." Did you write that
- 10 | statement?
- 11 A. Yes, I'm sure I did.
- 12 | Q. And you agree with it then?
- 13 A. Well, I think that again we have to put it in context. In
- 14 | the case of Tillamook, we really would be looking at secondary
- 15 | body contact as the issue. I'm not sure if these rivers are
- 16 classified for the beneficial use as primary or secondary. I
- 17 | think they're classified as primary. So you would have perhaps
- primary body contact going on, certainly a lot of secondary
- 19 | body contact going on, and then there would be two standard
- 20 | values that would apply to those different types of recreation.
- 21 | Q. Are you talking about in the Illinois River Watershed?
- 22 A. No. I'm talking about in the Tillamook Bay Watershed.
- Q. Okay. Because it sounded almost exactly like the same
- 24 | thing in the Illinois River Watershed to me. We have two
- 25 different water quality standards for the Illinois River; is

- 1 | that correct -- I mean three?
- 2 A. My understanding is that in the state of Arkansas that
- 3 | both the primary and secondary body contact standards apply to
- 4 | the fecal coliform bacteria index, and that in Oklahoma it's
- 5 different. There is no secondary body contact standard that is
- 6 in effect that I'm aware. I've not seen reference to it, but
- 7 | there is the primary body contact recreation standards, and in
- 8 | Oklahoma it can be determined by one of three fecal indicator
- 9 bacteria types.
- 10 Q. Did you read the water quality standards for Oklahoma?
- 11 A. I have seen them.
- 12 Q. And you didn't see that there's a secondary body contact
- 13 recreation standard?
- 14 A. I've seen reference to the fact that there is one, but
- 15 then I never see reference anywhere to what the number is. So
- 16 | it's confusing to me exactly what Oklahoma is doing in terms of
- 17 | secondary body contact. It's clear for primary, but it's not
- 18 | clear to me the secondary in Oklahoma.
- 19 Q. Okay. Have you seen any research similar to what you did
- 20 | in the Tillamook watershed that's specific to poultry waste?
- 21 A. I've seen research of this general type. I don't remember
- 22 | if any of it was specific to poultry, but certainly there have
- 23 been studies published and that I have read that used manure
- 24 applications on treatment cells as I did. All the studies like
- 25 | that that I've read used artificial irrigation systems to

- 1 provide their rain, and that's an important point because what
- 2 I did in Tillamook was to sample during natural rainstorms,
- 3 which is difficult and challenging, but it provides, in my
- 4 view, an accurate representation of what actually occurs in the
- 5 | field. The other studies of this type that I've read use quite
- 6 high applications of artificial rain in order to force overland
- 7 | flow, which is a type of runoff, and it's a type of runoff that
- 8 | contributes -- potentially contributes to bacteria. And they
- 9 applied levels of artificial rain that were very high compared
- 10 to what Mother Nature provides.
- 11 Q. Okay. I'm going to go through some of these studies with
- 12 | you that were in your considered materials or maybe even
- 13 referenced in the paper that we just went through on Exhibit
- 14 | 602. I'm going to ask you maybe to read some language. I may
- ask you some yes or no questions. The Judge is going to hold
- me to a really tight schedule, I would guess, and so I need to
- 17 move quickly. So let me hand you what I have marked as 591.
- 18 | Could you -- can you locate the highlighted language that is on
- 19 | Page 1323?
- 20 A. 1323, yes. "Non-point source pollution in agroecosystems
- 21 | already routinely exceeds water quality standards for fecal
- 22 | indicator bacteria." And it cites the paper by Crane, et al,
- 23 | in 1983.
- 24 | Q. Could you turn to Page 1325 and read the highlighted
- 25 | language on there?

- 1 A. 1325. "Schellinger and Clausen, 1992, reported that 25
- 2 percent of runoff losses occurred through subsurface flow. In
- 3 environments with shallow soil, such as central Kentucky fecal
- 4 | contamination may be transferred rapidly from surface flow to
- 5 | shallow groundwater.
- 6 Q. Do you know whether the Illinois River Watershed has
- 7 | shallow soils?
- 8 A. Well, I can tell you what I know about that.
- 9 | Q. I just want a yes or no answer. Do you know?
- 10 | A. I have -- I don't have the level of detail that I would
- 11 like to have to answer that question thoroughly, but I have a
- 12 | fair amount of information on what the soil depths are that I
- 13 | can tell you about if you'd like.
- 14 Q. If you can't answer --
- MR. GEORGE: Your Honor, I apologize. I believe we're
- 16 | outside the scope of direct. This witness has not offend an
- opinion about soil depth in the Illinois River Watershed or
- 18 | groundwater.
- THE COURT: Ms. Burch, any response?
- 20 MS. BURCH: The witness is here to talk about his
- 21 opinions about whether poultry waste is or is not a source of
- 22 contamination in the watershed. I think that in order to have
- an opinion on that, you need to understand something about the
- 24 watershed.
- 25 THE COURT: Well, I don't believe he has opined

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1 relative to the thickness of soil. Just one second, let me
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- 2 take a look at my notes here. I just noted a note that I made
- 3 to myself, "not filtered by soil," but that was his statement
- 4 about storm water runoff. I believe the objection is good.
- 5 | Sustained. Let's take a recess. It's 3:20. We'll be in
- 6 recess for about 10 minutes.
- 7 (Recess.)
- 8 THE COURT: Be seated, please. Twenty-eight minutes,
- 9 Ms. Burch.
- MS. BURCH: Do we get extra time for good behavior?
- 11 No. Okay.
- THE COURT: I'm sentencing tomorrow, Ms. Burch,
- 13 | tomorrow morning.
- MS. BURCH: Okay. I'm going to go fast.
- 15 | Q. (By Ms. Burch) We were just looking at a document marked
- 16 | Exhibit 591?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Could you turn to Page 1327 on that document. And just
- 19 for context, we were talking about a paper that did some
- 20 research into runoff -- fecal coliform runoff values from
- 21 | poultry waste; is that correct?
- 22 A. It's fecal runoff values. I'm trying to see if it was
- 23 | poultry. Yes, poultry waste.
- 24 Q. Okay.
- 25 A. Poultry manure.

- 1 Q. So do you see the highlighted language on Page 1327?
- 2 A. 1327, yes.
- Q. Would you mind reading that into the record, please?
- 4 A. Flow weighted mean fecal coliform and fecal Streptococci
- 5 | concentrations in runoff from all plots always exceeded ten to
- 6 the fifth CFUs per hundred mil, Table 1. These concentrations
- 7 | are at least a thousand times higher than the standard for
- 8 | fecal contamination of primary contact water, " in parenthesis,
- 9 | "200 fecal coliform per hundred mil," close parenthesis, "in
- 10 Kentucky. Although 90 percent of the fecal bacteria mass was
- 11 | trapped in some cases, Table 2, the amount trapped was
- 12 | irrelevant in terms of water quality standards because the
- 13 | criteria are based on population not mass. Based on the
- 14 | criterion used for fecal contamination, filter strips were
- 15 | inadequate to manage water quality."
- 16 Q. Okay. I'm going to bring you an exhibit I have marked as
- 17 | 593. At the bottom is what is called a Bates number. Do you
- 18 | see that Sullivan something?
- 19 | A. Yes, I do.
- 20 | Q. Could you turn to Sullivan 1299. First of all, do you
- 21 | recognize that document?
- 22 A. Let me just look at it for one minute here. Yes, I do.
- 23 Q. That was in your considered materials?
- 24 A. Yes, I believe it was.
- 25 | Q. And that's a study, again, of runoff amounts in

- 1 land-applied poultry litter, fecal coliform?
- 2 A. I think it involves the same people. Yes, Dr. Coyne was
- 3 the principal investigator on both of these papers.
 - Q. Could you turn to Page 1299 then?
- 5 MR. GEORGE: Your Honor, if I might, and I apologize.
- 6 Before we get into this and future papers, this witness has not
- 7 offered an opinion on runoff from poultry waste. He talked
- 8 | about multiple other sources in his direct testimony and in his
- 9 affidavit, but in light of that I believe this whole line of
- 10 questioning is outside the scope.
- THE COURT: Ms. Burch?
- MS. BURCH: He again has testified that he -- that he
- 13 has looked at sources in the watershed and has rendered opinion
- 14 about which sources may be responsible for fecal coliform
- 15 | levels, and he has considered this material, and he was
- 16 | rendering his opinion, and I just want to ask him a question
- 17 about it.

- 18 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 19 Q. (By Ms. Burch) Sir, could you read that language that's
- 20 highlighted on Page 1299?
- 21 A. Well, the first point of highlights says "6.3 times 10 to
- 22 | the ninth CFUs." And then there's a paragraph that's
- 23 | highlighted and it says, "Fecal coliform growth in litter was
- 24 detected after the first rain indicating that moisture was a
- 25 | factor affecting fecal coliform concentrations in the land

- 1 waste. Long dry periods are needed between application and
- 2 | first runoff to ensure some bacterial die-off." In
- 3 parenthesis, "Walker, et al. 1990. The implications of this
- 4 | are that when litter is applied during wet periods or with
- 5 | impending rain, not only is the probability of litter
- 6 | constituent runoff are increased, but bacterial survival is
- 7 | facilitated."
- 8 This study suffers from the same limitations as the
- 9 previous study that came out of the same research group.
- 10 Q. I understand. Have you done any research on the amount of
- 11 | fecal coliform runoff, the amount of fecal coliform in runoff
- 12 | from poultry-manure applied fields?
- 13 A. In terms of a field project you mean?
- 14 Q. Yes.
- 15 A. I've not conducted a field project on that, no.
- 16 Q. Okay. Do you have still PID 4 in front of you? It's the
- 17 | map of the state of Oklahoma with the 303(d) listed streams.
- 18 A. No, I don't believe I do.
- 19 Q. Let me hand it to you. Did you evaluate how many stream
- 20 | miles are impaired by fecal bacteria in Oklahoma?
- 21 A. Yes, I tabulated that. I'm not sure if I can remember the
- 22 | exact numbers, but I can probably come pretty close.
- 23 Q. Okay.
- 24 | A. Enterococci it was -- I think it was 5,800, something like
- 25 | that. E. Coli and fecal coliforms were lower, in the range of

- 1 | maybe 3,000 or 2,000 miles, something like that, in the State
- 2 of Oklahoma.
- Q. Okay. So I'm going to show you what I have marked as
- 4 | State's Exhibit 573. Do you recognize that document?
- 5 A. Yes, I do.
- 6 MR. GEORGE: Your Honor, I apologize. I haven't seen
- 7 | the exhibit yet. Thank you.
- 8 Q. (By Ms. Burch) Did you create that document?
- 9 A. Yes. It was created under my direction.
- 10 Q. And how many miles did you indicate on there are impaired
- 11 by all three of the fecal indicator bacteria?
- 12 A. It was 6,108 miles.
- Q. Do you know how many total stream miles there are in the
- 14 | State of Oklahoma?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. You didn't undertake to evaluate that?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 | Q. I'm going to give you what I have marked here as -- well,
- 19 | actually it's defendants' Exhibit PI 91. Do you recognize that
- 20 document?
- 21 A. Yes, I have seen this recently.
- 22 | Q. Could you turn to Page 18, or it's marked at the bottom
- 23 | 910021. It's the last page of the exhibit.
- 24 A. Yes, I've got it.
- Q. Does that indicate in that table how many stream miles

- 1 | there are in the state of Oklahoma?
- 2 A. Well, it says total number of river and stream miles, and
- 3 | it lists 78,778. And then it breaks it down by perennial,
- 4 intermittent, canals, ditches and river border miles.
- 5 Q. So it says total number of river and stream miles is
- 6 78,778?
- 7 A. That's what it says.
- Q. And if 6,108 river miles are impaired by bacteria, would
- 9 you agree that's roughly 8 percent? Can you do that math in
- 10 your head?
- 11 A. That sounds like it's probably pretty close.
- MS. BURCH: Could you get PI 229.
- 13 Q. I'm going to -- you probably have a copy of your
- 14 affidavit, but I'm going to bring you a copy anyway, PI 229.
- 15 A. Okay.
- 16 Q. I believe you showed earlier -- it was up on, actually up
- on the screen a second ago, but you undertook to look at
- 18 | concentrations of Enterococcus, fecal coliform and E. Coli
- 19 | across the state, and you generated a series of maps; is that
- 20 | correct?
- 21 A. That's correct.
- 22 | Q. Are those attached to your affidavit as C, D and E? Would
- 23 | you mind looking?
- 24 A. C, D and E, yes, that's correct.
- 25 Q. Okay. Would you turn to D?

A. Yes.

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- Q. What data did you use to generate that map?
- 3 A. Data from the EPA STORET database for the period 2001
- 4 | through 2006, restricted to the recreational period May 1
- 5 through September 30th.
- 6 Q. Do you know whether USGS data is included in the STORET
- 7 | database?
- 8 A. They're not.
- 9 Q. They're not. Did you review USGS data in this case?
- 10 A. Not for the state of -- well, I did look at some USGS data
- 11 | for the state of Oklahoma before I did this and determined that
- 12 I didn't have enough sampling locations to evaluate the spatial
- patterns across the state, and then that's when I went to
- 14 STORET.
- 15 Q. Okay. But you didn't include the USGS data for the
- 16 Illinois River in your analysis of the information about
- 17 | contamination of the Illinois River Watershed?
- 18 A. Oh, I certainly included that in a number of my analyses,
- 19 but for the purposes of trying to evaluate the spatial patterns
- 20 across the state of Oklahoma, for that objective I would use a
- 21 | common data source for all areas, including the Illinois River
- 22 | and other parts of the state, so I'm comparing apples with
- 23 apples, and the database that I had available to depict the
- 24 | spatial patterns in bacteria concentration was the STORET
- database because we had enough samples to allow me to do that.

- 1 | Q. Okay. So the STORET database is actually a conglomeration
- 2 of a bunch of different samples from a bunch of different
- 3 | agencies; isn't it?
- 4 | A. That's right. In this case most of the data, I believe it
- 5 | was 90 percent or 95 percent, in that range, most of the data
- 6 came from three sources. It was Oklahoma DEQ, Oklahoma Water
- 7 Resources Board and the Oklahoma Conservation Commission. They
- 8 | were responsible for almost all the data that went into this
- 9 particular analysis.
- 10 Q. And so are you aware of what monitoring is done in the
- 11 | Illinois River Watershed? Are you aware that most of the main
- 12 | stem monitoring is done by USGS?
- 13 A. USGS does quite a lot of monitoring. I've seen a fair
- 14 amount of data, and actually earlier on worked up some of the
- 15 data from those other agencies. So there are a number of
- 16 | agencies involved in collecting data in the Illinois River,
- 17 | including the USGS.
- 18 | Q. Yeah, but are you aware of the fact that most of the
- 19 | monitoring on the main stems is done by the USGS?
- 20 A. I'm not aware that most of it is. I've never really
- 21 looked at specifically how much on the main stem was done by
- 22 one agency versus the another or the other parts of the
- 23 | watershed by one agency versus the another, so I really can't
- 24 | tell you what the answer to that question is.
- 25 Q. Okay.

- 1 A. But I can agree with you that USGS has collected data.
- Q. You agree that USGS has collected data. Would you agree
- 3 that USGS has collected a substantial amount of data for the
- 4 Illinois River Watershed?
- 5 A. It was quite a bit, yes.
- 6 | Q. Okay, and you didn't include any of that data in your
- 7 | analysis of bacteria concentration in either C, D or E?
- 8 A. Oh, I included that data in very many of my analyses, but
- 9 for this particular purpose of looking at spatial patterns
- 10 | across Oklahoma it would have been improper for me to include
- 11 | the data because I wanted to compare apples with apples and use
- 12 | a common data source for inside and outside the Illinois River
- 13 Watershed. That was the point of the analysis was, is the
- 14 | Illinois River Watershed somehow different from elsewhere in
- 15 Oklahoma? Does it have significantly higher fecal indicator
- 16 | bacteria concentrations than the rest of the state? My answer
- 17 | was, no, it doesn't. But to derive that answer, I would have
- 18 | to use a common data source that wasn't biasing my analysis in
- 19 | some way.
- 20 | Q. How is EPA STORET data that has a data from a myriad of
- 21 different agencies in it, some tribal governments, a common
- 22 data source?
- 23 A. Because they're treating the Illinois River Watershed the
- same as they're treating the rest of the state. It's one
- 25 | source of the data for me to use in my analysis. And if they

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collected data from an Oklahoma agency in the Illinois River Watershed they would have collected, I would assume, the same data from the same agency other places within the state. That's what allows me to have a common data source as the basis for my geographical analysis. What happened when you actually did the same analysis using the USGS data collected in the Illinois River Watershed for fecal coliform? I don't remember exactly how many sites there were, but I do remember my conclusion when I did that was this is not enough sites to go forward with this work. I don't remember how many it was. It was certainly not very many. In this case I've got, I believe it's about 10,000 data points, there's quite a bit of data. Remember that this is the geomean calculation. We have to have at least five samples from each site in order to even use it, and it requires quite a lot of data to establish spatial patterns across the state. Okay. If you look at Exhibit D again, you show, if I'm reading this correctly, absolutely no exceedances of the geometric mean standard in the Illinois River Watershed? I'm sorry. Just a minute. So I'm looking at Exhibit D, the fecal coliforms. That's correct. And actually my understanding is that that would fit with the other data that you're asking me about because I believe the only stream reach

in the Illinois River Watershed that is 303(d) listed for fecal

- 1 | coliforms occurs in Arkansas, and this is a map of just
- 2 Oklahoma data. So I'm not showing any Arkansas data in this
- map at all. I don't think that there's a stream reach in
- 4 Oklahoma that's listed for fecal coliform bacteria. I could be
- 5 wrong on that.
- 6 Q. I'm going to give you what I have marked as State's
- 7 | Exhibit 578. Do you recognize that document?
- 8 A. Yes. This is the graphic that I was referring to, the
- 9 | first analysis that I did looking at USGS data, and from this,
- 10 | I judged that I did not have a sufficient density of sample
- 11 points to conduct a spatial analysis to try to determine if the
- 12 places in Oklahoma that had high poultry litter applications
- were different from those that did not have high poultry, and
- 14 | if the concentrations in the Illinois River Watershed were
- 15 different than elsewhere in Oklahoma. I judged that there were
- 16 | not enough data points to do a rigorous analysis to evaluate my
- 17 questions.
- 18 Q. Okay. So you heard the judge tell me I had not very much
- 19 | time; correct?
- 20 | A. Yes. I'm doing the best I can to be concise.
- 21 | Q. I understand. If I ask you a yes or no question, could
- 22 | you just say yes or no?
- 23 A. I think it will depend on if it's a question that will
- 24 | allow me to say yes or no. If I can, I certainly will.
- 25 Q. I would appreciate it.

- 1 A. I'll do my best, I promise.
- 2 | Q. I don't want to distract from this, but I just asked you
- 3 | if you recognized the document, which I think you could have
- 4 said yes or no to.
- 5 A. I'm sorry, and you're right. The answer is, yes, I do
- 6 recognize it.
- 7 Q. Okay. Do you see that that graphic shows exceedances of
- 8 | fecal coliform standards in the Illinois River Watershed?
- 9 A. Well, the question of whether it shows exceedances, I'm
- 10 | not sure because I'm not sure what the scale bar is on this.
- 11 Q. Well, you created it, didn't you?
- 12 A. Yes, I did. But, again, I created it to see, first, if I
- 13 had enough data to move forward with an analysis of USGS. The
- 14 answer was, no, I did not have enough data to move forward, so
- 15 I moved on to my next choice, which was STORET. So I don't
- 16 know that there's a scale bar on here to tell me what's above
- 17 | standard and what isn't. I couldn't say that with confidence,
- 18 no.
- 19 Q. You can't tell?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 | Q. Okay. So let's turn to Exhibit F of your affidavit then.
- 22 A. Exhibit F, okay. Yes, I have it.
- Q. Does that exhibit show any exceedances of fecal coliform
- 24 | standards in the Illinois River Watershed?
- 25 | A. Exhibit F shows exceedances primarily during high flow

- conditions for both fecal coliform -- I'm sorry. Did you ask 1
- about E. Coli or just fecal? 2
- Just fecal coliform. Ο. 3
- Just fecal. It shows exceedances, a couple of exceedances 4
- of the geomean in single sample standards at low and moderate 5
- flows, and then it shows many more exceedances at high flows, 6
- 7 yes.
- 8 So we can agree that in the Illinois River Watershed fecal
- coliform standards are exceeded? 9
- We can agree that during high flow that there are samples 10
- collected that are above the standards, that's correct. 11
- Q. Okay. Great. So on the original exhibit that we were 12
- 13 talking about where you mapped the concentrations of fecal
- coliform across the state, you showed no exceedances of fecal 14
- 15 coliform criteria in the Illinois River?
- That's correct and, again, that was based on using a 16
- geomean of five samples, which is what's required to have a 17
- listing. This is a scatter plot that shows individual samples, 18
- 19 so there's no geomean calculation. So it's not exactly
- 20 comparable, but, yes.
- Okay. When you say that you had five samples to calculate 21
- a geographic mean for this map, did you have five samples taken 22
- in 30 days for each of the locations on your map? 23
- 24 No, I didn't. In that case I wasn't trying to do Α.
- calculations that would support or not support a standard, but 25

- 1 rather mathematically not wanting to calculate a geomean
- 2 | without at least five samples. It would be fairly meaningless,
- 3 | I think, to do that, and even five is pretty skimpy. You need
- 4 to have a fair number of samples to do that.
- 5 Q. Okay. So we have a map that shows us that five samples
- 6 during a five-year period -- you have the geomean of five
- 7 | samples taken during a five-year period?
- 8 A. I'm sorry, what?
- 9 Q. You calculated your geometric mean not using the 30-day
- 10 | limitation on the data?
- 11 A. For the spatial map of Oklahoma?
- 12 Q. Yes.
- 13 A. No, the 30-day limitation was not included in that
- 14 | analysis. It was an analysis to represent what the levels
- 15 looked like across the state of Oklahoma and whether or not
- 16 | they had any correlation with poultry industry activities or
- 17 | any relationship to what we see in the Illinois River
- 18 Watershed.
- 19 | Q. Did you use that same technique for the map that you did
- 20 | for E. Coli and Enterococcus as well?
- 21 A. Yes, I did.
- 22 Q. Do you agree with me that Enterococcus levels exceed water
- 23 quality standards throughout the Illinois River Watershed at
- 24 various flow regimes?
- 25 A. I agree that Enterococcus concentrations exceed the

- 1 | standards pretty much everywhere. It was 92 percent of all the
- 2 | samples I looked at in Oklahoma on that mapping technique, and
- 3 | I heard Dr. Myoda testify it was 97 percent of all the streams
- 4 in Maryland. High Enterococcus is very ubiquitous.
- 5 Q. Okay. I just wanted to know, do you agree that
- 6 Enterococcus standards are exceeded in the Illinois River
- 7 Watershed in many locations and in many flow regimes?
- 8 A. I believe they're exceeded pretty much everywhere in all
- 9 locations and all flow regimes, the Illinois River and outside
- 10 | the Illinois River, yes.
- 11 | Q. Okay. And you did an analysis that is PID 9 or Exhibit F
- 12 | to your affidavit?
- 13 A. Exhibit F, I thought that was the one we were just talking
- 14 | about. I'm sorry.
- 15 Q. It is. Do you see that you establish the -- would you
- 16 | agree with me you established what you call a high flow value
- 17 | there at roughly 600 CFS?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Do you have any idea what level the river is at in terms
- 20 of the gauge height when flow is at 600 CFS at the Watts
- 21 | location?
- 22 A. I have not checked that, no.
- Q. Wouldn't that be important if you're making statements
- 24 about whether or not people are going to be on the river?
- 25 A. I don't know how important that is. I don't know to what

- 1 | extent the people would check the river stage. I suppose in
- 2 some situations that would be something that they would want to
- 3 look at. In terms of recreation on the river, I'm thinking
- 4 | more in terms of the likelihood that people, and I suppose in
- 5 | many cases it's families, are going to be out on the river
- 6 during rainy periods versus not rainy periods. So that's the
- 7 | point of comparison that I was making rather than river stage
- 8 | specifically, although river stage certainly could enter into
- 9 | it as well.
- 10 | Q. I'm going to hand you what I've marked State's Exhibit
- 11 | 581. Do you recognize that as USGS data?
- 12 A. Well, it says USGS at the top. I don't remember seeing
- 13 | this before, but it does say USGS.
- 14 | Q. You said you work with USGS data all the time; right?
- 15 A. I work with USGS data quite a bit, yes.
- 16 Q. Are you familiar with these rating curves that gauge
- 17 height and flow, pretty standard USGS dataset?
- 18 A. I'm generally familiar with that. I'm not sure I would be
- 19 | able to reconstruct one, but the relationship between stage
- 20 height and flow, I'm definitely familiar with that. I mean
- 21 | that's how we estimate flow at different times where we have a
- 22 stream stage recorder. We use that in relationship to estimate
- 23 | the flow.
- Q. Okay. Do you see that this is that type of information
- 25 | for the Illinois River near Watts?

- 1 A. Well, let me see. It does say Illinois River near Watts,
- and it has discharge and it has gauge height. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Could you find a value on there that's roughly
- 4 | equivalent to 600 CFS?
- 5 MR. GEORGE: I apologize, Your Honor. Objection, lack
- 6 of foundation. The witness has testified that it's not
- 7 | information that he considered and it's a document he's not
- 8 seen.
- 9 MS. BURCH: It's the type of information he says he
- relies on all the time when he does water quality modeling.
- THE COURT: We'll allow it. Overruled.
- 12 A. I'm sorry, what was the question again?
- 13 Q. (By Ms. Burch) Can you look on this chart and identify
- 14 | the gauge height and feet associated with a flow of roughly 600
- 15 | CFS?
- 16 A. I'm not sure what the .00 or the .01 and .02, I'm not sure
- 17 | what those columns represent, so I don't know where to find
- 18 this.
- 19 Q. You don't know how to use this information?
- 20 A. I have not used a spreadsheet like this personally, no. I
- 21 | mean, I understand the concept of how we calculate discharge
- 22 from stage, and we do that routinely on various studies, but I
- have a data analyst do that. I don't do that myself.
- 24 Q. Do you recognize that?
- 25 A. Well, again, it's headed USGS, Illinois River near Watts,

- 1 provisional data subject to revision. So I don't believe it's
- 2 anything I've seen before.
- Q. You didn't go to the Web site at USGS and download the
- 4 | stage discharge flow information?
- 5 A. I had discharge information from USGS that I used in many
- 6 of my analyses. I don't believe that the stage data were
- 7 downloaded unless they came along with it automatically. The
- 8 | analyses that I did for this case that involved flow data, I
- 9 | had those analyses done by a data analyst who would have gone
- 10 | to USGS. I don't know, I don't think he got it from the Web
- 11 | site. I think he had someone at USGS send it to him directly,
- 12 | it was either one of those, and then he would have been the one
- who actually did the computer analyses of the data. That's why
- 14 | I have data analysts to do that for me.
- 15 Q. Okay. That's great. So are you familiar with the USGS
- 16 Web site to get data?
- 17 | A. I've never gone to the USGS Web site to get data. Again,
- 18 I have a number of data analysts that work for me, and that's
- 19 | why I have them.
- 20 | Q. Did you review the CDM water quality monitoring data in
- 21 | this case?
- 22 A. The monitoring data collected for this case, yes, I did.
- 23 | Q. Okay. I'm going to hand you what is marked as Exhibit
- 24 584.
- 25 A. Okay.

Q. Let me ask -- I'm afraid I'm short on time. Did you do

anything to investigate the appropriate flow or gauge height

3 when people are actually on the Illinois River?

4 A. What I did was to listen to Dr. Caneday's testimony when,

5 | I believe what he said, it was quite awhile back, I believe

6 | what he said was that the recreationists are not out there very

7 | much during rainy periods. That was the primary basis for

8 | that. Now, in terms of are you talking about dividing things

up into high flow versus non-high flow conditions?

10 Q. Sure.

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11 | A. What I did for that was basically divide the flow regime

12 | into three portions. The lower 30 percent of annual average

discharge was considered to be low flow. The upper 30 percent

14 of annual average discharge was considered to be high flow, and

15 | the middle 40 percent was considered to be moderate flow. So I

16 | separated the flow regimes in ways that made intuitive sense to

compartmentalize the samples and try to evaluate under what

18 | conditions was it more likely to be a rainy period where

19 | recreation would be less likely versus periods that were less

20 rainy and had lower flows.

21 | O. Did you check any record at the Scenic Rivers Commission

22 to test your hypothesis to see whether people were on the river

23 when you predicted they were not?

24 A. I'm not aware that there were any data that would tell me

25 | when people are on the river. I have seen some recommended

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quidelines for safety concerns when they asked people to -- or
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     they recommend people not be on the river, I have seen those,
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     but I'm not aware of any data that would indicate under what
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     flow regimes people use the rivers. So, no, I don't know.
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     are generally warned not to get on the river when the level is
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     nine and a half feet; is that correct?
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     the first was either six or six and a half feet, and the second
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     was either nine or nine and a half feet, and there were two
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     levels of warning. I don't remember the specific wording on it
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     but, yes, I do remember seeing that.
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          How many -- what's the flow in CFS when the gauge is at
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     nine foot six inches?
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               MR. GEORGE: Objection, lack of foundation.
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               THE COURT: Sustained.
               MR. GEORGE: Your Honor, could I check the time?
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               THE COURT: We're right of the time. I'm going to
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     give her a few minutes for little lengthy responses here.
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               MR. GEORGE: I understand.
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               THE COURT: Go ahead, Ms. Burch.
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               MS. BURCH: Thank you, Your Honor.
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- 1 Q. (By Ms. Burch) Do you recognize what I just handed you as
- 2 | State's Exhibit 590?
- 3 A. Yes, I do.
- 4 Q. Could you turn to the land use map there that's marked as
- 5 | Sullivan 691.
- 6 A. Sullivan 691, just a minute, please. Yes, I have it.
- 7 Q. Is this some of the data that you used to create the land
- 8 use, land cover map that you talked about earlier? I think it
- 9 | was Defendants' PI D13.
- 10 A. Well, I'm sorry, I'm not sure that I understand what the
- 11 question is. This does show that land use -- the land use
- 12 data.
- 13 Q. Okay. And did you create this?
- 14 A. It was created under my direction, yes.
- 15 Q. Okay. What is the largest land use in the Illinois River
- 16 Watershed?
- 17 A. It's pretty similar between forest and agriculture. I
- 18 | really don't remember which one is larger. Those are the two
- 19 | -- the two most prominent land uses would be forest -- well,
- 20 forest, including other natural or semi-natural vegetation and
- 21 | agriculture land, and then urban. Urban would be third on the
- 22 list.
- Q. Okay. Let's look at the key down at the bottom of this
- 24 | page that we're looking at.
- 25 A. Oh, yes, it does give the percentages there, yes. The

- 1 | forest, grassland and herbaceous would be 48 percent. So
- 2 | that's a little bit higher than pasture/hay, which I'm calling
- 3 agricultural land. And then urban would be next.
- 4 Q. So pasture and hay is 42 percent of the land use in the
- 5 | watershed?
- 6 A. Based on the USGS National Land Cover Dataset, that would
- 7 be correct.
- 8 | O. And urban is what percentage of the watershed?
- 9 A. Well, its' -- there's really two categories there.
- 10 | There's a developed and there's an urban, and you probably
- 11 | would want to combine those, and that would be 8 percent.
- 12 | Q. Did you undertake any effort to identify how much poultry
- 13 | waste was land applied on any of this pasture?
- 14 A. No, I did not.
- 15 | Q. Did you undertake to investigate the locations of the
- 16 | poultry houses in the watershed?
- 17 A. I didn't undertake that investigation, no.
- 18 | Q. Did you do any sampling in the watershed to test your
- 19 theories about various sources?
- 20 A. Did I collect water samples, no.
- 21 | Q. You did -- you testified about a calculation of sewage
- 22 bypasses that occurred in the Illinois River Watershed?
- 23 A. That's correct.
- 24 | Q. Did you create that analysis yourself?
- 25 | A. The initial analysis was done by Dr. Ron Jarman from Apex

- 1 | Environmental, and then I summarized the result of his
- 2 analyses. He's the person I worked with in conjunction with
- 3 the effort for this case.
- 4 Q. Did you check his calculations?
- 5 A. I reviewed his calculations and discussed them with him.
- 6 Q. Did you check them?
- 7 A. Did I check them? No, I didn't.
- 8 Q. So you can't testify about whether or not they're
- 9 | accurate?
- 10 | A. Dr. Jarman is an engineer who has some experience in this
- 11 | area, and I have no reason to think that they're not accurate,
- 12 but I did not perform any specific calculations to try to
- 13 | verify the accuracy of the numbers that he compiled, no.
- 14 Q. Do you know whether he, in calculating the number of fecal
- 15 | coliform, he used a value for total coliform?
- MR. GEORGE: Objection, no foundation.
- 17 THE COURT: Sustained.
- 18 O. (By Ms. Burch) Do you know what value he used to
- 19 | calculate the amount of total coliform?
- 20 A. No, I don't. I think that in the table I presented, it
- 21 | was presented as fecal coliform, not total coliform, but I
- 22 don't know what value he used in that.
- Q. Do you know what the average value, the standard value
- 24 | that's used by EPA and DEQ is for fecal coliform?
- 25 A. In what?

Q. In looking at raw sewage?

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A. Well, I think that, I mean, raw sewage can be many
different things. A sewage bypass that includes rainwater
mixed in with the sewage pipe water would, I would think, would

be very, very different from the concentration in a broken

6 sewer pipe where you wouldn't have as much or maybe any of the

7 rainwater mixed in directly. So my guess would be that the

8 | concentration could be enormously variable, but I haven't

9 looked at that many datasets, no.

Q. So do you know whether the value that was used in

11 calculating fecal coliform by Mr. Jarman is reliable?

12 | A. No, I don't. I assume that it's reliable, but I think

13 | there's a lot of variability in that. The purpose of that

exhibit was to illustrate that there are a number of bypasses,

and that it looks like that there often are quite high volumes

and quite high concentrations of bacteria in those, and that

17 | that's an issue that is a source of contribution to the river,

18 | not to try to put into quantitative context relative to some

other source. I would never do that with those data.

Q. So did you quantify any of the sources that you listed as

21 potential sources in the Illinois River Watershed?

22 A. I don't believe that we have the data to quantify any

23 sources in the Illinois River Watershed, whether it would be

done by me or anybody else. I don't believe the data exists to

25 do that.

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- Q. Did you undertake to quantify any of the sources in the watershed?
- 3 A. Well, I suppose I probably set out to do that initially,
- 4 and as soon as I got involved in the analysis, specifically
- 5 | with respect to the distribution of land uses, I realized that
- 6 there was no way I could do that. I would have liked to have
- 7 | done that, certainly.
- 8 Q. The largest land use in the watershed besides forest is
- 9 pasture; correct?
- 10 A. That's correct.
- 11 | Q. And isn't it true that poultry waste is land applied on
- 12 pasture in the Illinois River Watershed?
- 13 A. It's certainly land applied on some of the pastures, yes.
- 14 Q. What effort did you undertake to quantify how much poultry
- 15 | waste was being land applied on those pastures and thus how
- 16 | much was being contributed to the watershed?
- 17 A. Well, those are two different questions, but in terms of
- 18 | how much poultry waste was land applied, I believe there have
- 19 been a number of people involved in this case who have looked
- 20 | at that question. That's not my area of expertise or my area
- 21 of interest, to try to quantify how much litter is applied.
- 22 The focus of my work is the movement of materials off the
- fields into surface waters and what happens in the surface
- 24 | waters themselves. That's where I focused my research and
- where I've focused my testimony here.

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THE COURT: Ms. Burch, last two questions.
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          (By Ms. Burch) I'm going to look at the exhibits to your
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     affidavit, and I'm going to --
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              MS. BURCH: This is going to be, if you'll indulge me,
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     Your Honor, I would just like to inquire as to the data sources
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     for each of his analysis. I can do it rather quickly if you
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     will. There's probably five charts.
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              THE COURT: Now, we've spoken about some of these
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     exhibits already.
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              MS. BURCH: I will cover only the ones I haven't
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     talked about already.
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              MR. GEORGE: Your Honor, by way of information, we do
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     have one other witness to put on today.
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              THE COURT: I understand. And the purpose of asking
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     for the data source here?
              MS. BURCH: I think that it would become clear to the
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      Court that for each different analysis done of the data, a
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     different dataset was used.
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               THE COURT: All right, I think we've talked about some
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      of these datasets already. See if we can avoid overlap. Go
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      ahead.
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      Q. You didn't use any STORET data in that analysis; correct?
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- 1 A. No, for the purposes of this analysis, I didn't need to
- 2 use STORET data. I could do the analysis with USGS data.
- Q. And the USGS data that you used for this analysis is 2005
- 4 to 2007?
- 5 A. That's correct.
- 6 O. Turn to Exhibit G.
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. What data did you use for that?
- 9 | A. The purpose of this was to look at changes over time, so I
- 10 | needed to use the period over time for which I had the data,
- 11 | and that was 1996 to 2003.
- 12 Q. Is it USGS data?
- 13 A. Yes, it was.
- 14 Q. So on this one you used USGS data from 1996 to 2003?
- 15 A. That's correct.
- 16 | Q. On the previous example we just covered, you used USGS
- 17 data from 2005 to 2007?
- 18 A. I'm sorry, I may have misspoken. The previous one was not
- 19 USGS data, it was State data, and I think that was my error.
- 20 | Exhibit F is State data, and that was collected for the
- 21 | purposes of this case by -- and I've lost the name of the
- 22 | company, but between 2005 and 2007 is when they collected the
- 23 data for this case.
- 24 | O. Didn't that include USGS data, the CDM dataset that you
- 25 | were provided?

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1 A. The CDM dataset, I believe there are some USGS data in
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- 2 | that. I analyzed the CM -- I had the CDM dataset analyzed as
- 3 | it was presented to me, the State database. And I believe
- 4 you're correct that there were some USGS collected data that
- were part of that. I didn't attempt to include or exclude
- 6 them. We just analyzed the State dataset that was provided for
- 7 | this case.
- 8 Q. So my question was, you had 2005 to 2007 USGS data
- 9 available to you?
- 10 A. No. The USGS data available to me was through 2003, I
- 11 | think. I think that's correct. I'm almost positive that's
- 12 | correct because for Exhibit G, I analyzed what I had for the
- period of record, and it runs from 1996 to 2003. So I'm fairly
- 14 | confident that I didn't have USGS data past 2003.
- 15 Q. You have the CDM dataset on an exhibit in front of you.
- 16 It's a spreadsheet with it that I gave you a moment ago.
- MR. GEORGE: Your Honor, I apologize, but we're far
- 18 | afield from just identifying sources of data.
- 19 THE COURT: I think so, with all due respect. The
- 20 | objection is sustained.
- O. (By Ms. Burch) On defendants' PI D88, do you have that
- 22 | with you?
- 23 A. Can you help me by saying what it looks like in the front?
- 24 | Q. It's your chart of E. Coli data.
- THE COURT: I really have to cut this. I thought we

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were going to look at the data attached to his resume.
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              MR. GEORGE: No, Your Honor.
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              THE COURT: Very well. You may step down.
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                            Thank you, Your Honor.
              THE WITNESS:
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              THE COURT: The defendants may call their next
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     witness.
              MR. TUCKER: May it please the Court, I'd like to call
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     Dr. William Banner, please.
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              THE COURT: Dr. Banner.
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                              WILLIAM BANNER
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     Called as a witness on behalf of the defendants, being first
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     duly sworn, testified as follows:
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               MR. BULLOCK: In order to expedite things, I will
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     stipulate as to Dr. Banner's expertise and knowledge as both a
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     toxicologist and as an intensive care physician and as a
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     pediatrician.
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               THE COURT: Thank you, sir.
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               MR. TUCKER: With that in mind, I'll shorten up my
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      questions about qualifications, if I may.
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               THE COURT: Very well. State your full name for the
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      record, please.
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               THE WITNESS: William Banner.
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               THE COURT: Mr. Tucker, you may inquire.
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